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### Cambodia Say Plot Foiled

BANGKOK—Cambodia, enmeshed in a sporadic border war with Vietnam, said it had smashed a recent plot by Hanoi and the Central Intelligence Agency to topple its government.

An official radio broadcast from Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, named six leaders of the Vietnamese Communist Party who purportedly directed the plot. It gave no specifics about the alleged CIA involvement.

In Washington, CIA spokesman Lavon Strong said he had no information concerning the charges and "even if we did, I doubt we would comment on them." He said it has become popular to "throw in the CIA's name" whenever such claims are made.